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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Hearing on 4 April 1978 before the
House Post Office and Civil Service Committee

1. On 4 April 1978, Chairman Campbell, Vice Chairman Sugarman and General Counsel Pat Sywgert, of the Civil Service Commission, appeared before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Chairman Campbell gave a 15-minute prepared statement on the proposed legislation. In very general terms he discussed various aspects of the bill, such as veteran preference and the appeals procedure.

2. Chairman Campbell did not address the issue of an exemption for the Intelligence Community in his prepared statement. General Counsel Sywegert and Vice Chairman Sugarman did state, however, that the civil service reform bill would not repeal or override any existing statute; that is, any exemption affecting any Executive or congressional agency or department would not be repealed by the proposed legislation.

3. In response to Representative Schroeder's question on the exemptions allowed in Title IV (SES), Vice Chairman Sugarman replied that the exemption was intended to be temporary "until the agencies could be brought around."

4. Representative Taylor asked what type of controls would be established over the decentralized personnel systems established by the bill. Chairman Campbell answered by stating that although the few decentralized personnel systems in existence such as the CIA, FBI and Foreign Service were operating efficiently and effectively, the bill would establish controls through the use of a GAO audit.

5. It was not clear whether the above remarks were intended to apply to the Intelligence Community. Certainly, it could be interpreted that they did. We have ordered a copy of the transcript of the hearing which hopefully will clear up the matter.



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